What Will Be:

WHAT ONCE WAS HAS SHOWN US HOW THE PEOPLE OF CONCORD ONCE LIVED WITH LAND: GROWING HAY, GRAZING CATTLE & SHEEP, TENDING ORCHARDS, CUTTING ICE FROM PONDS. BUT WHAT WILL BE? HOW SHALL WE TEND THE LAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, FEED THE PEOPLE OF CONCORD YET KEEP THE CLUES OF THE PAST VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE? YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A LAND STEWARD TO HELP MAINTAIN AND CARE FOR PUNKATASSET OR OTHER TÖWN CONSERVATION AREAS, PLEASE CONTACT THE

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR). AT (978) 318-3285 OR CONCORDNET.ORG

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP CREATE MORE QUESTS IN CONCORD, YOU CAN CONTACT KATIE HOLDEN AT THE DNR OFFICE.

Thank you

THIS QUEST WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF:

CONCORD CHEESE SHOP, MAIN STREET'S CAFÉ,
JAMIE AND JOHN BEMIS, PATRICK CODY,
KATHY AND JOE CODY, SUSAN ERICKSON, HASSO EWING,
JOAN FERGUSON, MARK FOSTER, JESSICA GLEN,
CAROL GUPTA, BOB HOLDEN AND HOLLY HOSMER,
JANET HOSMER, DIANE KABLIK, DELIA KAYE,
BETTY KING, BRUCE MACALPINE, LOU SIDERIS,
MORWEN TWOFEATHERS, IVAN USSAH, GORDON SHAW,
AND POLLY VANASSE.

THANK YOU!

To get there:

FROM MONUMENT SQUARE IN CONCORD CENTER, APPROACH THE COLONIAL INN AND TURN RIGHT ONTO MONUMENT STREET.

CROSS OVER THE CONCORD RIVER.

PASS FENN SCHOOL AND HUTCHINS FARM ON THE RIGHT.
AFTER HUTCHINS FARM THE ROAD CURVES TO THE LEFT.
IMMEDIATELY AFTER A HYDRANT ON THE LEFT THERE IS A
PARKING AREA ALONGSIDE THE ROAD NEXT TO
A LOW STONE WALL.

ONCE PARKED, WALK DOWN WHAT LOOKS LIKE A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY BETWEEN TWO MAILBOXES; #85! AND #873.

THE TRAIL BEGINS AT THE LARGE BROWN PUNKATASSET KIOSK.

What Once Was

A PUNKATASSET QUEST



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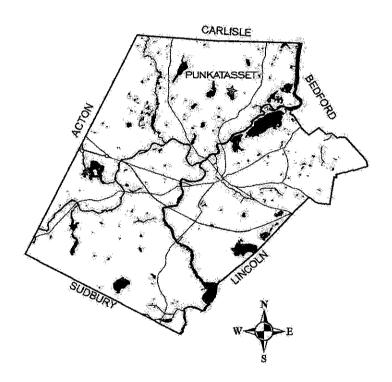


THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND
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Punkatasset

PUNKATASSET IS IOO ACRES OF TOWN OWNED CONSERVATION LAND MANAGED BY THE CONCORD DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. PUNKATASSET LIES WITHIN THE LARGER OPEN SPACE CALLED ESTABROOK WOODS/COUNTRY.

PUNKATASSET, ONCE VAST OPEN FARMLAND,
HAS NOW LARGELY REVERTED BACK TO FOREST.
THIS QUEST REVEALS JUST SOME OF THE
SPECIAL STORIES HIDDEN ON THE LAND.



Be Prepared:

THE TOTAL QUEST IS APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILES.
THERE ARE SOME GREAT PLACES TO HAVE A
SNACK OR PICNIC. BRING WATER, WATCH OUT FOR
POISON IVY, AND REMEMBER TO CHECK YOURSELF
CAREFULLY FOR TICKS AFTERWARDS.

WALK 6 RODS TO LARGE LAYING TREES⁷
WHAT ANIMALS HAVE BEEN HERE BUSIER THAN BEES?

TAKE SMALL LEFT PATH TO SEE WHERE THEY DINE POPLAR ARE A TASTY TREAT, BUT NOT PINE

SIGNS OF BEAVER ARE VERY CLEAR BUT THE PILE OF ROCKS; WHO MOVED THEM HERE?

DID THEY THINK REMOVING THEM FROM THE POND WAS BEST? WE DON'T KNOW, BUT NOW THEY'RE A NICE PLACE TO REST

RETURN TO THE PATH AND CONTINUE TO ROAM 'TIL THE PATH IS TRAVERSED BY A WALL OF STONE

IMAGINE A PASTURE FILLED WITH LIVESTOCK
KEPT AWAY FROM THE APPLES WITH ASH, WIRE, AND ROCK

BACKTRACK NOW -- HEADING THE WAY THAT YOU CAME EVERYTHING AT THIS POINT SHOULD LOOK THE SAME

BUT THIS TIME, MOVE AWAY FROM THE POND FOLLOW THE OPENING FIELD TO WHAT LIES BEYOND⁸

GO A FEW STEPS PAST THE LEANING TREE THEN UP THE HILL TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN SEE

FIND THE BENCH AND SIT YOURSELF DOWN RELAX A MOMENT AND LOOK AROUND

AN APPLE ORCHARD -- THAT'S WHAT WAS HERE A JUICE LOCALLY GROWN THAT LASTED ALL YEAR⁹

THE SWEETEST APPLE WILL BE FOUND WHERE 5 TRUNKS MERGE AND MEET THE GROUND

OFF THE LAND THESE PEOPLE HAD TO LIVE WITH NO COKE OR STARBUCKS THERE TO GIVE

A TREASURE AWAITS FOR YOU TO FIND CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE FINISHED THE QUEST BY USING YOUR MIND!

- 7. REMEMBER A ROD IS 16.5 FEET.
 THE LENGTH IS EQUAL TO THE STANDARDIZED LENGTH OF
 THE OX GOAD (CATTLE PROD) USED BY MEDIEVAL ENGLISH
 PLOUGHMEN. THE ROD WAS STILL A COMMON UNIT OF
 MEASUREMENT IN THE MID-1800S.
 HENRY DAVID THOREAU USED IT FREQUENTLY
 WHEN DESCRIBING DISTANCES IN HIS BOOK "WALDEN".
 FIELDS WERE MEASURED IN ACRES WHICH WERE ONE
 CHAIN (FOUR RODS), BY ONE FURLONG
 (IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, TEN CHAINS).
- 8. IF THE FIELDS HAVE NOT BEEN MOWN RECENTLY, WATCH OUT FOR POISON IVY.
- 9. Apples were bitter and used for hard cider back in the day. How else do we use apples today?

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A DAM ON THE STREAM CREATED THE POND
OF ICE SKATING AND HOCKEY, PEOPLE WERE FOND!

A SWIMMING HOLE TOO, THIS USED TO BE BUT NOW ONLY BEAVERS CAN SWIM HERE FREE³

RETURN TO THE PATH, THEN VERY NEAR
THE SOUND OF FLOWING WATER MEETS YOUR EAR

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LISTEN TO THE BROOK TURN TO THE WEST AND IMAGINE AS YOU LOOK⁴

UPSTREAM, SEE IF YOU CAN FIND SIGNS OF A SAW MILL FOR PENCILS TO GRIND⁵

AND SAW MILL BROOK THAT POWERED THE MILL BECAME A POND AT HUTCHINS' WILL⁶

THE POND WAS USED TO HARVEST ICE TO KEEP HUTCHINS' DAIRY PRODUCTS NICE?

CONTINUE NORTH FOR ABOUT A STONE'S TOSS FIND 4 METAL SPIKES, 2 MORE IN THE MOSS

LOCATED IN TWO PARALLEL CEMENT LINES TURN 180 DEGREES FOR MORE SIGNS

IMAGINE ICE FROM THE POND RIGHT HERE.

OVER YOUR HEAD, ACROSS A RAMP QUITE NEAR

TEN PACES ACROSS TWO-ROD ROAD A FOUNDATION REMAINS, LET THE STORY UNFOLD

THE PUNKATASSET DAIRY OUT CHUNKS OF ICE HERE WRAPPED IN SAWDUST THEY KEPT FOOD COLD ALL YEAR

GET BACK ON THE PATH AND FIND THE HOLEY PINE NOW GIVE IT YOUR FACE AS YOU GAZE BACK IN TIME

RETURN TO YOUR COURSE, CHOOSE THE PATH GOING LEFT ELSE YOU'LL END UP IN CARLISLE, TIRED AND BEREFT!

- 3. This water could contain harmful parasites (Giardia) and bacteria (E. coli) that enter the pond via beaver waste and could make you sick if you drink it or swim in it.
- 4. SEE MAP. ALSO SEE DNR WEBSITE FOR A SIMPLE 15 MINUTE GAME TEACHING HOW TO NAVIGATE USING THE SUN.
- 5. HENRY DAVID THOREAU'S FATHER, JOHN THOREAU, OWNED A MILL UPSTREAM THAT MADE PENCILS USING NEARBY CEDAR TREES. FOR MAP & MORE INFO SEE "THE SEASONS IN ESTABROOK COUNTY" BY STEPHEN F. ELLS
- 6. HUTCHIN'S POND WAS CREATED BETWEEN 1900-1910.

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Your clues:

BEGIN YOUR QUEST AT THE PUNKATASSET SIGN BEHIND IT STANDS A STATELY PINE

PUNKATASSET MEANS "BROAD-TOPPED HILL"
NAMED BY PEOPLE BEFORE THE FIRST SAW MILL

MANY OF THESE TREES HAVE BEEN HERE A SHORT WHILE. FOR CENTURIES OPEN PASTURE WAS CONCORD'S STYLE

TAKE THE FORK BEARING TO THE RIGHT "TWO ROD ROAD" IS IN YOUR SIGHT

BACK IN 1735 THIS ROAD WAS MADE WHEN A TWO-ROD RIGHT OF WAY WAS LAID

KNOWING HOW LONG A ROD IS WOULD BE SWEET ACTUALLY, IT'S SIXTEEN AND A HALF FEET!

NOW SAUNTER FORWARD FOR A WHILE ON THIS ROAD THAT LED TO OLD CARLISLE

WHEN YOU COME TO A WIDE OPEN SPACE THEN, YOU'LL KNOW YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

FOLLOW THE BARBED WIRE THAT SPLITS THE FIELD AT THE TURNSTILE, ANOTHER STORY REVEALED

FARMER HUTCHINS'S BARN STOOD IN PLAIN SIGHT UNTIL SNOW BROUGHT IT DOWN ONE COLD STORMY NIGHT

IMAGINE HAY BALES STACKED HIGH INSIDE
COWS GRAZING FIELDS UNDER SKIES OPEN WIDE!

IN THE OLD TURNSTILE, TURN 360 DEGREES 'ROUND THINK OF GHOSTS WHEN YOU HEAR THE SQUEAKY SOUND?

BACK TO, THEN ONWARD ALONG "TWO ROD ROAD" WHERE HORSES & OXEN USED TO HAUL A HEAVY LOAD

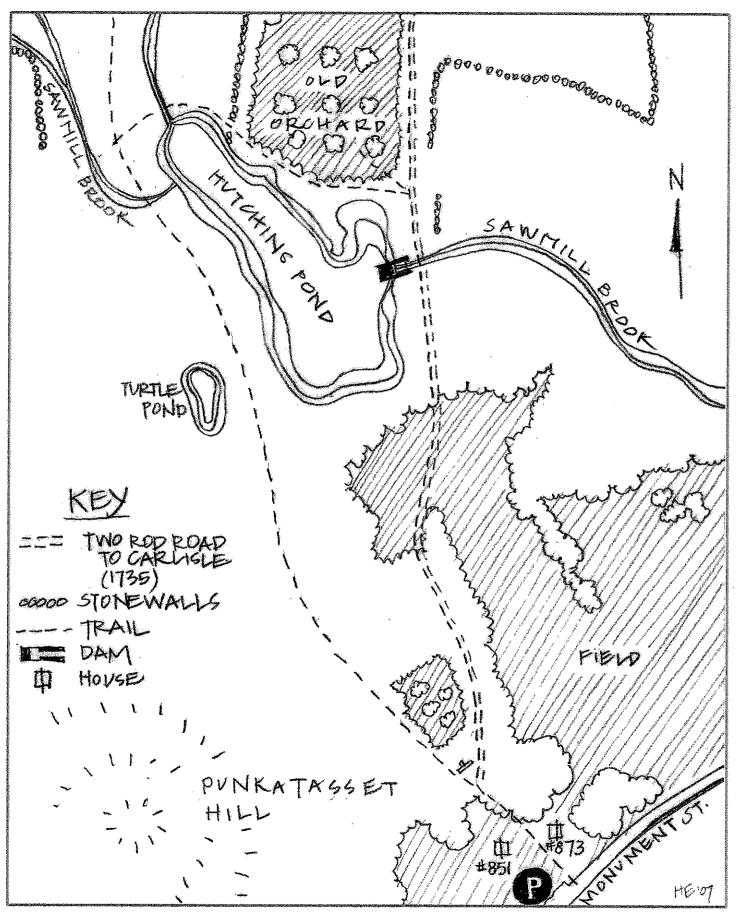
HUTCHINS'S POND TO THE LEFT, STONE WALL ON THE RIGHT PROCEED TIL A SMALL CRESCENT BEACH IS IN SIGHT

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2OTH CENTURY
THE STREAM THAT CROSSED THIS PLACE RAN FREE

(OVER)

- 1. Cows still graze in these fields. Can you see any?
- 2. WHY DO YOU THINK A TURNSTILE WAS USED INSTEAD OF A GATE?

 (TO LET PEOPLE THROUGH, BUT NOT LARGE ANIMALS)



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